

News and Notes

from the office of
CONGRESSMAN CECIL R. KING

Session Nears Close
The first session of the 83rd Congress is drawing to a close. July 31st is the target date set by the Administration leaders in the House and Senate for adjournment, but experience has proven that when Congress sets a goal for departure, it actually leaves from a week to a month later. This time, however, prospects are pretty good for adjournment close to the set date, for it is reported that the White House wants Congress to adjourn to give it breathing time to study the reports of commissions study groups that have been formed to enable the Administration to help formulate policy.

The President wants Congress to "adjourn," which means I cannot meet again until next January, unless called by the President, but with world conditions as they are it is quite likely that legislative leaders may decide to "recess," which means that Congress would have the power to come back itself in order to handle the volume of business and meet the closing date both Houses of Congress are starting two hours earlier and going well into the night with Saturday sessions or the agenda. Some members are complaining that sufficient time for careful consideration is not being given to important appropriation bills.

Among the bills to be debated in the closing weeks that will get the most attention are: **APPROPRIATIONS**—Whether a billion dollars will be added to the five billion dollar cut that passed the House. The President has assumed full responsibility for the House cut, while former Air Force Secretary now Senator Symington, leads the fight in the Senate to restore some of the cut. The issue centers on economy versus National Defense.

FOREIGN AID—The White House battled successfully to retain some five billion dollars for Foreign Aid, but is encountering rough going from conservative elements under the leadership of Senator Taft as to actual Foreign Aid appropriations. The outcome of this issue will depend on the number of votes the President will receive from the Democratic members.

RECIPROCAL TRADE ACT—This has been receiving rough going with the Administration endeavoring to extend the act, as is, for another year, while conservative Republicans have shown a reluctance to extend the act without tying on further restrictions.

FEDERAL OFFSHORE OIL—The wealth lying in the Continental Shelf beyond that granted to the States is meeting with debate in conference trying to iron out the differences between the House and Senate. Under the Hill Amendment the Senate would devote this wealth

to Federal Education, setting aside not less than 12 1/2 per cent from oil and gas leases and not less than 10 per cent from sulphur leases. All royalties to be held in a special fund and appropriated exclusively as grants in aid to States for elementary, secondary and higher education.

IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION—To admit some 240,000 extra immigrants into this country in the next two years as proposed by the White House. Its passage will depend on whether the Administration can gather sufficient support to blast this controversial issue out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

THE BRICKER AMENDMENT—This is a highly controversial resolution advocating a Constitutional Amendment to limit the treaty making powers of the President. As the law now stands, the President may make a treaty with a foreign country with the approval of the Senate. Under the proposed amendment, any treaty would be void which conflicts with the constitution and it also requires that no treaty may become internal law without specific legislation. Those who want the treaty power left unchanged are warning that to alter it will restrict the President in the conduct of foreign affairs at a time when U. S. leadership in the international field is more vital than ever before. Those favoring the change declare that they want limitations, not of the power of the President and the

Senate to make treaties, but on the kind of treaties which can be made. They seek to prohibit the use of International Treaties they may invade the field of domestic legislation.

King Bill Aids Fishing Industry
Congressman Cecil R. King last week came to the aid of California's great fishing industry when he took the problem of excessive tuna imports from foreign countries to the floor of the House.

In his statement before the House, King said, "Because there has been no indication that the domestic industry can expect any relief from excessive imports, and because all the information I have gathered tends to indicate exactly the reverse, I have introduced a bill (H. R. 6281) to increase the tariff on various tuna products so that all forms of processed tuna will pay exactly the same rate of duty. This seems to be the most certain way of assuring the continued healthfulness of our vitally important domestic tuna industry."

King pointed out that the fishing industry is California's fourth largest and that San Pedro led all other fishing ports in the United States in 1952, with estimated landings of 385,000,000 pounds of fish, valued at \$38,000,000. "This industry, which gives employment to many thousands of persons in the fishing fleets, the canneries, the processing plants, along with many repair and service industries directly and indirectly related to the in-

dustry, must be protected," he stated. "The forward progress of California's tuna industry has now brought it to a position as the largest canned fish industry in the United States and the attainment of this position has increased the breadth of its economic impact on the economy of the Pacific Coast and on the entire Nation," King added.

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